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Guzoo loses its licence

► Embattled rural zoo given week to shut doors to public ► Animals to be removed and dispersed by two government departments

After 21 years in operation, Three Hills' Guzoo has lost its zoo licence following a third-party review initiated by the Alberta government.

The zoo, 127 kilometres from Calgary — and target of a viral social-media campaign demanding its closure — has a week to “decommission” and give up its exotic animals.

This follows a Canadian Association of Zoos and Aquariums probe of the facility for 108 items under Alberta Zoo Standards, which cited “deficiencies in all categories.”

“We have not taken this step lightly,” said Mel Knight, Alberta’s minister of Sustainable Resource Development. “Our No. 1 concern is the safety of the general public, and after that the well-being of the animals.”

Knight said he was aware of previous allegations of animal mistreatment and zoo-standards

violations at Guzoo, but he was not immediately responsible before now.

“I take the appropriate actions when I am responsible.... I gave a 60-day extension and initiated a third-party review. This is the responsible outcome.”

Lynn Gustafson, Guzoo’s owner, yesterday called it a move by “communist Alberta.”

“I am disappointed in our government,” said Gustafson. “This is the wonder of their whole setup: I have to get rid of every animal, but then I can start over again.”

Gustafson would not say what his plans are but told Metro on Monday that he would not close.

Knight said if the owner keeps his business running, it won’t be as a zoo.

“The owner can not operate a zoo, period, without a permit.”

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Guzoo history

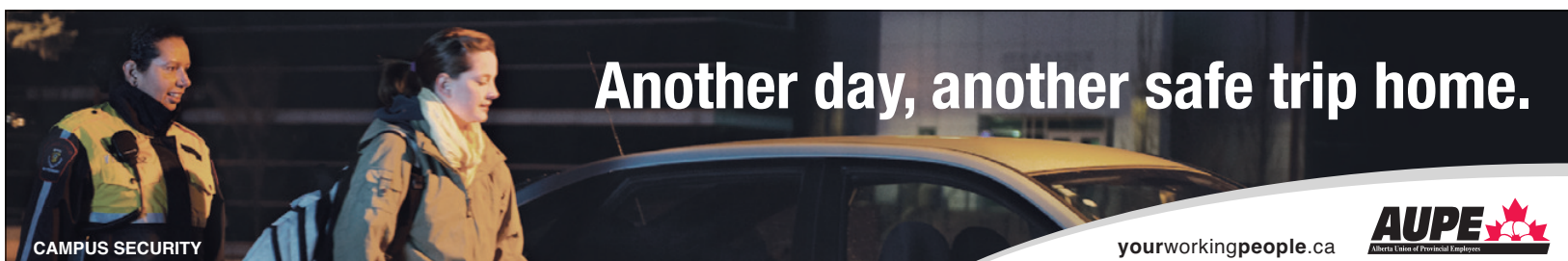
► Dr. Debi Zimmermann, who called Guzoo conditions in March “disgusting” after a visit there on behalf of Zoocheck, said the government decision was good overall, but she is concerned about which animals may be excluded from the decommission.

► The SRD ministry will work with the SPCA and zoo operators to decide the fate and destination of Guzoo animals, which include bears, tigers, lions, emus and a macaque, among others.

► Liberal MLA and SRD critic Laurie Blakeman said she has asked for Guzoo’s closure since 2003 and is calling for the government to ensure all zoos adhere to zoo standards.

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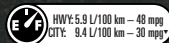


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Councillor wants arena questions answered

One city councillor has questions about an impending downtown arena deal, and would like administration's answers.

Coun. Ed Gibbons said yesterday he would introduce a notice of motion June 22, asking 28 questions be answered about the project before it moves any further.

Gibbons said council was asked to make a decision on the deal with the Katz Group late in the night May 18, at the end of a 12-hour meeting. The questions centre around the financial implications and operating model, said Gibbons, who was one of five who voted against the deal two weeks ago. ● METRO

Elderly man city's latest homicide victim

Edmonton police have confirmed the death of a 70-year-old man Sunday evening is a homicide, the city's 24th of the year.

Police found the man dead in his suite at an apartment complex at 128 Avenue and 68 Street after being contacted by neighbours who hadn't seen or heard from him in days. Police are talking to residents, and ask anyone with information to call 780-423-4567 or CrimeStoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS. ● METRO



► Minister of Employment and Immigration Thomas Lukaszuk, right, chats with Rigoletto's Café co-owner Sergio Turlione and server Nancy Lee Burrows after making the minimum wage announcement at the restaurant in Edmonton yesterday.

Minimal wage hike may not be enough

► Alberta's minimum wage will increase effective Sept. 1 ► 6.8 per cent hike for general workers, while liquor servers see 2.8 per cent increase



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Minimum wage is on the way up, but it may not be enough to help many struggling to make ends meet.

The Alberta government announced yesterday minimum wage will rise from \$8.80 to \$9.40 per hour, while a new minimum wage will pay liquor servers \$9.05 per hour as they also earn tips.

"Alberta needs to stay competitive with other

provinces in Canada for the jobs that typically pay minimum wage," said Thomas Lukaszuk, minister of employment and immigration.

Although only 1.4 per cent of Alberta employees make minimum wage, many earn less than a living wage — which is what is needed to get by — said Janice Melnychuk, executive director of Vibrant Communities Edmonton.

The low-income cutoff in Alberta is currently \$12.25.

"Most people still can't figure out who the govern-

Comparisons

- These are the first changes to Alberta's minimum wage since April 2009.
- While Alberta's minimum wage remains among the lowest in Canada, relative-

ment is trying to protect by keeping our minimum wage so low," said Melnychuk.

Lukaszuk said too much of an increase would have an adverse effect on busi-

ly low taxation will see us rank third in the country for take-home income once the new increase comes into effect.

- Ontario and Quebec and British Columbia already have a different wage for liquor servers.

nesses, and some agree.

"Overall, they deserve even more," said Sergio Turlione, co-owner of Rigoletto's Cafe. "But it has to be a little at a time, so we can adjust accordingly."

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Four-day passes snapped up

► Folk Music Festival sees record run on hot-ticket events ► Evening tickets still available at edmontonfolkfest.org or Ticketmaster

Edmontonians hoping to take in all four days of the Folk Music Festival are out of luck.

Four-day passes sold

out in just hours yesterday and demand crashed the phone lines, said festival producer Terry Wickham.

Calls were redirected to Ticketmaster, where the online tickets went fast.

Scores of music fans also lined up in person early

yesterday to get in the queue to buy their tickets.

The festival runs Aug. 4 to 7 at Gallagher Park.

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Indy gears up with art, music, big engines

Race Week Edmonton plans to rev up Indy fever long before the event.

In the five weeks leading up to the Edmonton Indy, there will be a soapbox car art contest, multiple car shows, soapbox derby and an airliner pull, where teams of 20 will pull a 737 as far as they can.

"The whole goal of Race Week Edmonton has been to be inclusive," executive director Richard Skermer said yesterday.

New this year is a street party on Rice Howard Way, with family activities, beer gardens and musical guests.

Anne Roy, general manager of the Indy, will be in Montreal next week for the Grand Prix Formula One, and she said she wants to see "the buzz on

the street" there replicated in Edmonton.

"I was told Edmonton people are event-goers. They're not just race fans."

● HEATHER MCINTYRE

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The Edmonton Indy takes place July 22 to 24 at the City Centre Airport.

- Race Week Edmonton events begin June 18 and run through the end of the Indy.
- Last year, 35,000 people took part in Race Week events.
- Organizations with Indy-related events are invited to post them on raceweekedmonton.com.

Change of plans for SlutWalk

Edmonton's SlutWalk, which fights against sexu-

al assault and victim-blaming, will take place on the Alberta legislature grounds on Saturday instead of marching down Jasper Avenue toward city hall. The event begins at noon. ● METRO

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Hockey swag shoots off shelves

- Boston and Vancouver fans get geared for Stanley Cup matchup
- Canucks' following grows ► 'Canada's team' in finals for third time ever



Hockey lovers netted team memorabilia in droves as the Canucks got ready to battle the Bruins in the first game of the Stanley Cup finals last night.

"Especially with Vancouver in the finals, we are almost out of stock in

some items," said Chance Bird, assistant manager at Pro Hockey Life at South Edmonton Common.

Whether Vancouver fans are spending more or the Canucks' bandwagon has gotten bigger, "Canada's team" goods are topping sales.

"I wouldn't be surprised if we sell out," said Bird.

All that's left for

Canucks jerseys is small sizes and less-favoured players' shirts, he said.

At Kingsway Garden Mall's Jersey City, the Canucks are out-scoring the Bruins in gear sales.

Store manager Kevin Robertson said the playoffs are the only time other NHL wares skate ahead of Oilers' gear sales.

Though a longtime Oil-

ers fan, Jared Flett, who has also lived in Winnipeg, said he's hoping for a Vancouver win.

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FANS WANT TO WATCH ON THEIR OWN TIME



Heading into their first cup final in 17 years, Canucks fans have little to gripe about.

But ahead of Game 1 yesterday, some Vancouver fans were frustrated with the start time: 5 p.m. local, when many are working or fighting rush-hour traffic. Should fans, who have supported a team for 40 years, take a backseat to the massive

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audience in the East?

The debate was on. Why, one B.C.-raised reporter wondered, should I have to skip out of work early so out-of-town fans can see my team play? Why, one Ontario-born reporter asked, should eastern fans stay up past midnight see the game?

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High morale for NATO crew

► Libyan mission supports arms embargo, no-fly zone and civilian protection ► Sea King helicopter provides critical information without any mechanical issues



HMCS Charlottetown has spent the spring clearing anti-ship mines and taking fire off the coast of Libya.

The ship sailed from Halifax on March 2 as Canada's contribution to the NATO mission. Operations have focused on the town of Misrata, recently surrounded by enemy forces.

In April, a pro-Gadhafi force attacked the harbour with small boats and laid anti-ship mines. The Charlottetown was called in to help on May 5. "Our job was to protect the mine-clearance vessels from attacks from the shore," said Cmdr. Craig Skjerpen in an interview yesterday.



On May 12, the ship was fired upon at night. The Charlottetown and other NATO vessels were chasing several small attack boats away when large-calibre

machine-gun ammunition was fired at them. The Charlottetown returned fire "very professionally and quickly" Skjerpen said. "Since then, the crew's

Mission possible

► NATO and its partners decided yesterday in Brussels to extend their mission for another 90 days.

"This decision sends a clear message to the Gadhafi regime: We are determined to continue our operation to protect the people of Libya," said NATO Secretary-General Anders Fogh Rasmussen.

► When the HMCS Charlottetown left Halifax in March, no return date was given and Cmdr. Craig Skjerpen said that hasn't changed. "Things change, but right now it's up to six months," he said.

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\$25K bail in new hotel sex case

- ▶ Egyptian businessman allegedly assaulted maid
- ▶ Second episode at a New York hotel in two weeks

A businessman and former chairman of a major Egyptian bank charged with sexually abusing a housekeeper at a luxury Manhattan hotel is being held on \$25,000 bail.

Mahmoud Abdel Salam Omar has been ordered to hand over his passport because he is considered a flight risk.

Authorities say the businessman, who is in his 70s, attacked the maid at The Pierre hotel, near Central Park and Fifth Avenue.

The hotel said it suspended the housekeeping supervisor for not immediately reporting the alleged assault. Police were called



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Security upgrade

The Pierre hotel will supply panic buttons for all its room attendants, the Wall Street Journal reported yesterday.

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The prosecution says Omar grabbed the maid in a bear hug and kissed her on the lips and neck and grabbed her breasts and buttocks.

Omar's lawyer said he has been married for 48 years and has two adult children and has grandchildren.

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Omar was arraigned on two counts of sexual abuse and forcible touching.

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Consumer debt rising: Study

- ▶ Canada's top central banker warned consumers to rein in borrowing
- ▶ Consumer spending, meanwhile, slowed down in first quarter of 2011

Canadians' average non-mortgage debt grew 4.5 per cent to \$25,597 in the first quarter compared to a year earlier, signalling that consumers aren't necessarily clamping down on borrowing even as they rein in spending.

Total debt per consumer, including credit cards, car loans and lines of credit but excluding mortgages, was up from \$24,497 in the same quarter of 2010, according to a quarterly analysis by TransUnion.

Total consumer debt rose in all provinces but

increased the most in Quebec and Newfoundland and Labrador, with debt rising by 7.8 per cent in both provinces, while British Columbians had the highest average consumer debt at \$36,649.

"Our first quarter data shows a continued increase in the total debt per consumer, although the trend still remains modest compared to the double-digit, pre-recession levels," said Thomas Higgins, TransUnion's vice president of analytics and decisioning.

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Indebted

Average credit card debt, which often carries high interest rates, fell four per cent to \$3,539 from \$3,688 in the fourth quarter compared with the first quarter of 2010.

Troubled credit health.

The national credit card delinquency rate — the ratio of credit card accounts that are 90 days or more overdue — grew 11 per cent in the first quarter of 2011 compared with 2010.

▶ **Auto loans.** The average borrower debt on auto loans was also up this year by 12.4 per cent to \$16,189 from \$14,402 in the first quarter of 2010. The delinquency rate on these fell slightly to 0.1 per cent from 0.13 per cent a year ago.

▶ **Lines of credit.** As for the most popular form of consumer debt (excluding mortgages) debt on lines of credit stood at an average \$33,981 — up 5.9 per cent from \$31,867 in the first quarter of 2010.

Target's reno spending to reach \$2.3B

Target Corp. is now planning to spend up to \$2.3 billion to convert Zellers stores to its brand and integrate them into its retail network, about double what the company originally budgeted for its first expansion outside the United States.

The U.S. retail giant had previously planned to spend about \$1 billion to convert Zellers locations that it will acquire from Hudson Bay Trading Co. into Target stores, the U.S. retailer said in regulatory filings. THE CANADIAN PRESS



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Toyota Prius' faulty steering leads to recall

Toyota Canada says it's recalling about 940 first-generation Prius hybrid cars across the country for faulty steering caused by a nut that may come loose.

The automaker says the recall affects Prius models made from 2001 through 2003. The move is part of a global recall of 106,000 Prius hybrids.

The single minor accident suspected of being related to the problem was reported in the United States, according to Toyota Motor Corp.

The latest recall from Toyota, which has taken a hit to its reputation from

massive recalls worldwide, affects 48,000 Prius vehicles in Japan, starting with the first Prius models that went on sale in 1997, and those manufactured through 2003.

It also affects 58,000 vehicles sold abroad, including 52,000 Prius cars sold from 2001 through 2003 in the U.S., some 1,200 in Great Britain, and 800 in Germany, company spokesman Paul Nolasco said.

Toyota says loose nuts in the electric-power steering can cause the vehicle, if operated over a long time, to steer with too much force.



▶ In this Dec. 10, 1997 file photo, visitors examine an early Prius model at Toyota Motor Corp.'s biggest showroom in Tokyo. Toyota recalled 106,000 Prius cars yesterday.






The problem can be fixed by putting in better nuts and will take about four hours, it said.

Twenty-one complaints

were received that may be caused by the problem, but there were no accidents, the automaker said.

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▶ A model presents casual office wear during a "Super Cool Biz" fashion show yesterday in Tokyo. The event featured outfits appropriate for the office yet cool enough to endure the sweltering heat.

Don't 'suit up,' salarymen told

The Japanese government wants the country's suit-loving salarymen to be bold this summer. Ditch the stuffy jacket and tie. And for the good of a country facing a power crunch, go light and casual.

Japan's "Super Cool Biz" campaign kicked off yesterday with a government-sponsored fashion show in Tokyo featuring outfits appropriate for the office yet cool enough to endure the sweltering heat.

This summer may be especially brutal. The loss of the Fukushima Dai-ichi nuclear power plant, crippled by the March 11 tsunami, means electricity could be in short supply around Tokyo during hot days.

To prevent blackouts, the

Dress decoded

So what's different with Super Cool Biz?

- ▶ **Polo shirts,** Aloha shirts and sneakers are acceptable under the environment ministry's relaxed guidelines.
- ▶ **Jeans** and sandals are OK in some circumstances.
- ▶ **Tights?** Men might even think of carrying a fan or trying a pair of tight pedal pushers (pictured), though whether such fashion extremes would actually catch on is another matter.

government is asking companies to cut electricity usage by 15 per cent, and set room temperatures to 28 C.

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METRO



Brace yourself: It's House of Commons time! The backbenches are polished, the little woman in the sign language bubble is limber, and CPAC has unveiled kickin'

new camera angles that promise to make the 41st session of Parliament the best yet! It's clear from my fan mail that readers are caught up in the high drama of the House of Commons, which reopens today. It's clear because no one is sending me fan mail.

And no wonder! If I know my politics, this will be the most exciting parliamentary session since Joe Clark defended himself against a man with a long knife, who was stopped from entering the bedrooms of the nation by a pirouetting Pierre Trudeau. The Avro Arrow was also involved somehow.

"If I know my politics, this will be the most exciting parliamentary session since Joe Clark defended himself against a man with a long knife ..."

The central issue this month will be the transition to Conservative majority from minority, a story that we in the media predicted with an incredibly consistent level of inaccuracy.

Nobody saw this Parliament coming. But is our face red? No. Because we in the media have shorter attention spans than goldfish. Who has time to look back on our mistakes when we're so busy

randomly guessing the future?

With that in mind, here's what to expect from the summer session:

THE BUDGET: It's basically the same as the one tabled before the election call, except for something labelled Secret Explosive Majority Win Conspiracy Item, which well-placed sources (they're near a telephone) say involves some sort of countdown clock and a lot of stifled giggles from Tony Clement.

HIDDEN AGENDA: Prime Minister Stephen Harper has buried an agenda he purchased deep in the budget, because he bought a leather-bound \$79 one when he could have gone with the normal \$18.95 version and he is embarrassed about it.

ORANGE CRUSH: Soft drink being demanded in the House of Commons by the incredibly young NDP MPs, many of whom weren't even born when Glee started.

SMALLER BLOC: With only four seats, the Bloc Québécois will stop demanding separation. Instead, they just want open, honest communication, some alone time and maybe a date night on Mondays. And would it kill Canada to say "I love you" every once in a while?

LICKING THEIR SELF-INFLICTED WOUNDS: The Liberals plan to put their internal struggles behind them and finally come together as a mere seven separate factions willing to stab their fellow members for the good of the party.

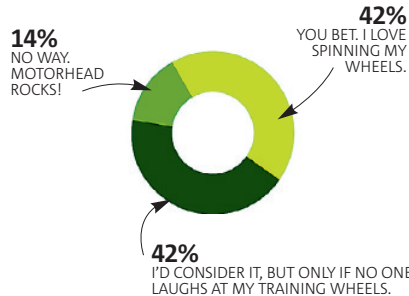
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Since June is bike month, would you consider getting out of the car or off the bus to give cycling a try?



Worth mentioning

OTTAWA. Canadian governments head off in all directions when it comes to tackling climate change, a new tally of provincial and federal environment policies shows.

The end result is a disorganized, inefficient approach to greenhouse-gas reduction that won't allow Canada to meet its goals, say researchers at the Conference Board of Canada.

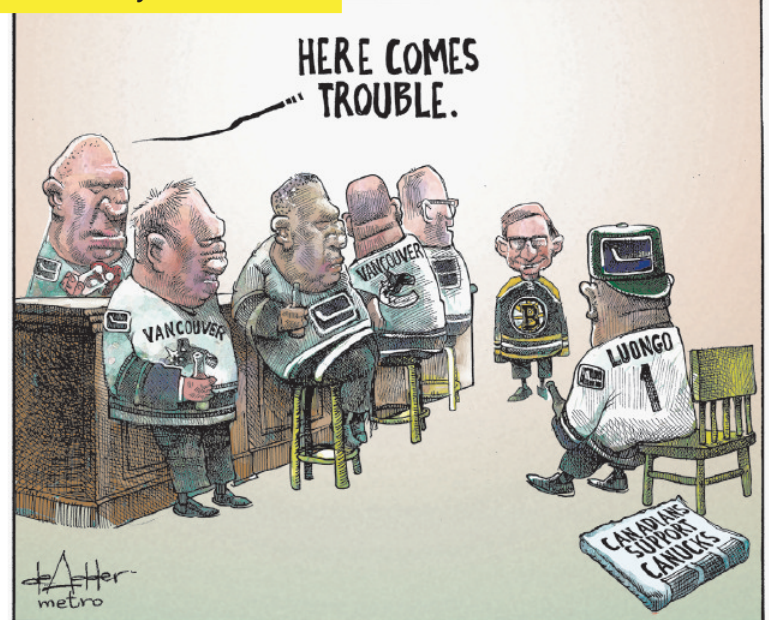
Len Coad, director of energy and environment at the Conference Board, said his team went through each federal and provincial jurisdiction and tried to add up all the policies to measure how close Canada will come to meeting its emission-reduction targets.

Coad said that while most governments have climate-action plans that focus on the biggest emitters in their purview, they don't include concrete goals or detailed analysis that will drive results.

Plus, he says governments don't talk to each other — or to the public for that matter — hampering their ability to work together to reduce emissions.

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Cartoon by Michael de Adder



WEIRD NEWS

Those with the cutest briefs get the most votes

Politicians can be left or right, red or blue — hot or not.

A new website lets Britons rank their lawmakers' sex appeal.

The site, www.sexypm.co.uk, asks visitors to choose between two pictured legislators, with the votes compiled into a fast-changing overall ranking.

Conservative legislator Penny Mor-daunt led the female politicians yesterday, while fellow Tory Jake Berry was ranked the sexiest man.

The site's creator, reality TV star Francis Boule, defended it as a "fun and memorable" way for people to get to know their politicians.

Most lawmakers seemed to take it in good humour.

Jim Shannon, briefly ranked least sexy among 648 lawmakers, told the BBC he hadn't been elected for his looks, but because voters "know I am a worker and will get the job done."

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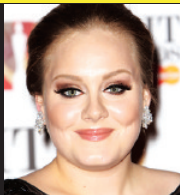
Slutwalk spreads to Edmonton

► March that initiated in Toronto tries to highlight the issues surrounding sexual assaults ► Social media has helped spread the message



► Thousands of people participated in Slutwalk, a protest against a Toronto police officer's comments that women shouldn't dress like sluts if they want to avoid being sexually assaulted. The idea has spread to Edmonton with a march planned for Saturday.

Scene in brief



British singer Adele has postponed five dates on her tour of North America due to laryngitis. Columbia Records said in a statement the 23-year-old Grammy winner was diagnosed last Thursday in Minneapolis.

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In new Kevin Keller story from Archie, focus on growing up Archie, being gay and a father's love. Scan code for story.

BACKSTAGE PASS

JENNIFER LARAWAY
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It's become so common, it's almost cliché — celebrities whose tipping point to fame is the inevitable "leaked" sex tape. On the other hand, you have women who are victims of assault and on top of their trauma are blamed for the attacks because of

the way they dress. It was that sort of assumption that a Toronto police officer recently aired publicly. The result was a bunch of pissed off women who took their outrage to Twitter. The social media giant has united this cause and now it's here in Edmonton.

It hasn't been easy to make this event happen. Major partners have gotten cold feet and backed out last minute, not to mention the city blindsided the grassroots group by asking them to cover police escorts and traffic detours.

"We have no money, we

Background

- Slutwalk first originated out of Toronto and has now become an international sensation.
- Girls and young women between the ages of 15-24 are the most likely victims of sexual assault
- Only 8 per cent of sexual assaults are reported to police.

are four organizers who are working tirelessly on sponsorship, marketing, and awareness," says Glover.

But, that's not stopping this team of powerful women who are giving a voice to those who otherwise might not be heard.

They are in the final stages of preparing for Edmonton's first Slutwalk. The event starts at 12:30 p.m. on Saturday at the Legislature Grounds.

"We will walk ... well, that might be a bit of an understatement. We will be protesting, walking, wheeling, stomping, and moonwalking to Churchill Square," says Glover.

For more information, visit yegslutwalk.com.

AGA puts art on the rocks

Who says you need to go to a bar or party to have a good time late into the night?

Trade in the hangover for a night of live music by DJs Blue Jay and Travy along with interactive art at the AGA Refinery Party. Inspired by the gallery's current exhibition (which happens to include ANDY WARHOL: Manufactured), the event features a variety of hands-on projects led by participating local artists.

Ruth Barns, Associate Curator and Interpretive Programs Manager of the Alberta Art Gallery says "it takes almost everyone at the gallery to come together in making Refinery a success."

The party starts at 9 p.m. and is intended to give people an up close and personal connection to a variety of art forms. This get together of 900 art/good time enthusiasts features a time capsule project with Sarah Patterson, Super 8 video portraits by Zachery Ayotte, and a silk factory led by SNAP, a local art centre.

Cover charge a.k.a tickets are \$25 for general public, but there are discounts to members. The past two parties have sold out, so make sure to get snap up tickets by going to youraga.ca.

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Fassbender shows off his magnetic personality

► German-Irish actor steps into the daunting shadow of Ian McKellen playing Magneto in *X-Men: First Class* ► Forced to do a lot of 'cringing'

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Indie movie star Michael Fassbender gets his first big break, in *X-Men: First Class*. Metro sat down for a revealing one-on-one.

If you could have one super power, what would it be?

Being honest, I reckon flying would have to be up there just because it's one thing I can't do — damn it — much to my dismay, because when I was younger I did believe I was Superman. I've just come to terms with this in the last year that I'm not. ... So I would like to be able to fly and I would like to have a tail as well.

Oh, for what purpose?

I think it's kind of kinky. Kidding. I like the idea of being able to balance on things and they also look quite nice, don't they? They're aesthetically pleasing. I could be drinking a milkshake independently now with my hands free.

Did you talk to Ian McKellen about playing Magneto?

The thing is, I was thinking to myself, "Oh s—, the fans are not going to be happy because (McKellen), I think, goes down as one of the number one villains in all superhero films. It



► Michael Fassbender stars as Magneto in *X-Men: First Class*.

was a bit stupid of me to go against the grain in that respect. But then I thought, I'd bring something fresh. I want to make bold choices. Hopefully there would be something new and still have the quality that people recog-

nize of Magneto for the fans.

How many X-Men sequels are you contracted for?

Oh they own me, dude. They've got me for two options so they definitely have the option to use me

and to be honest with you, I'd be very excited to continue the journey with it. James (McAvoy) and I have been talking about it over the last few days, about where we could go with the next one. We definitely want to be involved from the ground floor up on that. I think that's going to be very important if there is a sequel.

Could you see yourself in the might-be sequels, continuing to walk the line between good guy and bad guy?

As much as I can, for sure. It's far more interesting and it happens like that in the comic books. There's a respect that continues between these two characters that I think is very interesting.

Metro had asked you before about working with green screens, but a lot of your performance demands a lot of intense cringing, because you move things with your mind... Constipation, yes. I know, I was watching it last night thinking, "God, really. Just get on with it, man. Eat some prunes." It's like, how do you go about doing stuff like that?... But yeah, there were a few people laughing in the theater last night. I was like, "shut up, all right? Give me a break, okay? You try f—king lifting a submarine, smart ass."

Family key to Almost Heroes

For years, brothers Jason and Ryan Belleville were the jokesters brought onto a TV show to help amp up the funny.

Older brother Jason wrote jokes for the Gemini Awards, Little Mosque On the Prairie, the NHL awards, Testeas and Bob and Doug after cutting his teeth in improv.

Baby-faced Ryan made his name as a hot stand-up on Toronto's comedy circuit while booking commercials, appearing in the shortlived Fox series *Life on a Stick*, and recently becoming a regular on *She's the Mayor*.

Now, the duo is coming together to make a name for themselves with their own sitcom *Almost Heroes*, about two brothers who run a floundering comic book store.

The younger Belleville says the *Showcase* series is a dream come true for the Calgary transplants, who have also developed projects for Comedy Central and the Comedy Network over the years.

"Me and Jay have been hired to write stuff that wasn't in our own voice many times," notes the 32-year-old, who says he started perform-

ing at age 15.

"I've been hired as an actor on parts and it's fun, but it's not the same. You're brought in to make something else funnier and it's just different when it's your own baby."

While Ryan Belleville is front and centre in *Almost Heroes* as the dimwitted Peter, Jason Belleville stays behind the scenes as co-creator, co-producer and co-writer.

He leaves the role of sophisticated older brother Terry to former *Battlestar Galactica* and *Knight Rider* regular Paul Campbell, explaining that he has "a limited range" when it comes to acting.

"I'm a lot like a Clooney," Belleville quips.

In *Almost Heroes*, the fictional brothers are forced to put their differences aside when their father dies and leaves the family business — a failing comic book store in a strip mall — in their incapable hands.

The series kicks off tonight with an unconventional memorial at the comic shop attended by a hodgepodge of costume-wearing geeks.

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Ryan Belleville as Peter and Paul Campbell as Terry star in the new *Showcase* show *Almost Heroes*.

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There is something playful about the sorrow of Lykke Li.

In the song Sadness Is a Blessing, she delivers the phrase that gives her latest album its title of Wounded Rhymes, but in a ringing chorus she sings, "sadness is my boyfriend."

Elsewhere on the album she imbues a song like Unrequited Love with a pining innocence, like it's a song from the early '60s, and immediately follows it with the sexy drive of Get Some, where she's going out on the prowl, singing, "I'm your

prostitute, you're gonna get some."

In conversation, the Swedish singer is serious about her art, but also willing to laugh at herself.

One thing that comes across on Wounded Rhymes is the importance of the sequence. The songs flow naturally. How much thought went in?

It is a lot of thought and work into that. I actually had to leave out songs because I couldn't fit them into my "world."

It's about balance. Just like cooking, you follow your instinct but at some point you've got to ease off the salt.

Your song, I Follow Rivers, ap-

peared in a Glee episode. Did you ever think something so mainstream — and all about happiness — would celebrate a song from an album like Wounded Rhymes?

There is no business like show business, and sometimes even a melancholic person like me has to have a laugh and collect some stamps for the books.

Glee is so far away from me as a person and artist, so it was more about me seeing the humour in some huge American show singing my song about a really destructive love. With that said, I haven't actually ever watched the show and don't know much about it except that my gay friends love it.

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KE\$HA

“My fans and I are ... taking over”

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Like most of Ke\$ha's songs — including chartbusters Tik Tok and We R Who We R — her latest, Crazy Beautiful Life, from her album, Cannibal, is a fine example of art imitating her ... crazy beautiful life.

At one point she sings, “got here by runnin’ my mouth,” which is quite true in this interview.

What at present is your favourite song to sing?

Animal is my favourite song to sing live. It's also probably my favourite song I've ever written.

How about your favourite line?

I love to sing the line in We R Who We R: “We're running this town just like a club,” because my fans and I are a cult of rowdy misfits and we're taking over! And at my shows, when we're all there

together, I can really feel our collective energy and that line feels like a mantra for us.

You mention the Rolling Stones in more than one song. Is a Mick Jagger collaboration imminent for you?

Do you have his number?

Unfortunately I don't. Did you really jump the fence to get into see the Stones when you were broke, like you sing in The Harold Song?

► The No. 1 artist parties hard, hitting her biggest venues yet during a summer tour



► Ke\$ha will take you to the candy shop

What does it feel like to be going back to cities you've been to already on this tour, but at much bigger venues?

Every show I play, whether it's to two people or 2,000 people, I go balls out.

But it's fun to get to go back because I see that our cult is growing.

Is there anything different you're doing for the bigger venues?

Naturally, it's all going to have to be bigger. Bigger band members — minimum seven-feet tall and 250 pounds; bigger condoms — hefty garbage bag size; bigger glitter — each piece is the same radius as a basketball; bigger beer bottles — each beer is actually a pony keg in glass.

How much longer does it take to get ready now that your costuming is so elaborate?

It took no time not to shower before. And it still takes no time not to shower now.



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Indie rock trio is 'more comfortable'



Arcade Fire. Broken Social Scene. In the past 10 years, Canadian bands, packed with 10-plus members, have been known for hav-

ing more people onstage than people in the audience listening.

This isn't the case for the Rural Alberta Advantage.

In fact, the trio is even multi-tasking to create a sound like there are more players. Keyboardist Amy

Cole recently bought a pedal bass to play with her feet to fill in the low end. "It's been a little weird co-ordinating that with other instruments," says Cole. "We've been practicing it a lot actually, getting ready for tour."

Their recently released

second album, *Departing*, has been garnering favourable reviews for its heartfelt immediacy.

There have been comparisons to Bright Eyes and Arcade Fire, but especially indie rock superheroes Neutral Milk Hotel, mostly due to singer Nils

Edenloff's voice.

"I think Nils' vocal similarity cannot be denied," says Cole.

"Honestly, it's flattering to be in the same sentence as a band like that. At the same time, I hope we have our own identity."

The band does seem to

have found themselves in *Departing*, garnering good reviews all around.

"I think because we were more confident in our sound," says Cole, "we were kind of able to make these songs in more of a voice that is a unified voice."



► The members of Rural Alberta Advantage are pictured.



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Cold War Kids start to thaw

Although the new single from the indie rock band Cold War Kids is called *Louder Than Ever*, their latest album is anything but that.

In fact, many of the highly melodic songs on *Mine Is Yours* are devoid of the angst that first propelled the band to popularity with the song *Hang Me Up To Dry* in 2007.

Singer Nathan Willett says he simply has less to be sad about these days.

"I mean, I've gotten married," he says.

They also spent some time in Long Beach, Calif., where the band formed.

"And this was kind of the first time we'd had a long stretch of being home, reconnecting with our friends and getting back to a normal state of living."

Willett also credits his focus on home with a shift in his lyric writing. Expect their live performance to be equally personal.

"You kind of get the real life story back in, which I felt really was missing on the second record," he says. "I got to spend a lot more time creating something more cohesive, and I feel like this is in some ways the first thing that we've done that just fits together." ● PAT HEALY



► They're all right

Peter Bjorn and John get negative

► Band uses music as form of catharsis

The songs on Peter Bjorn and John's sixth album, *Gimmie Some*, are brimming with major chords, sassy beats and fun arrangements. (After all, these are the guys behind the infectious whistle of *Young Folks*.)

But the lyrics are full of bile and violence, although the result is occasionally funny.

"Yeah, there's a lot of bitchiness in it," agrees singer and guitarist Peter Moren. "We were joking about calling it 'Negative (expletive).'"

In the song *Breaker Breaker*, the trio take down a journalist who has dished the band.

"Before you make a sound and try to turn us down/I'm gonna stuff your mouth with all your riddles," sings Moren, a lyric written by drummer John

Eriksson.

"There was a word in the first couple of lines, 'I'm going to break your bike' and I thought that sounded too silly," recalls Moren. "So I suggested 'I'm going to break your arm,' instead, which was a bit heavier."

Some of the silliness remains, as Moren sings, "I'm gonna break your nose and sing about it." So did they break the journalist's nose?

"That's the thing," laughs Moren.

"When you write songs like this, and you get all of these negative thoughts and this anger out in this music, in the end it becomes something positive, and it's that catharsis, working through all those emotions and making pop music out of it, and then you just don't feel as bad."

"That's kind of the point I guess." ● PAT HEALY



► PB+J are pictured during a performance.

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For the love of the music

► With *This Is Country Music*, Brad Paisley aims to define the sound he loves

Brad Paisley began the journey to country music stardom by spending hours in a room with a guitar endlessly trying to figure out how to make the sounds on his favourite songs.

Thirty years later he was still doing just that when Alabama's Randy Owen showed up at the studio last year with his battered old Music Man guitar.

Paisley was using his telecaster to try and mimic that eerie, funky guitar sound Owen made on classics like Mountain Music that's almost as distinct as the band's rowdy harmonies.

"Are you trying to play Mountain Music there?" Owen asked Paisley.

Paisley, of course, denied it.

"Well, that ain't Mountain Music. This is," Owen said.

"So he started playing and we hit record," Paisley said with a smile. Those were the opening notes of Old Alabama, Paisley's second No. 1 from his new album, *This Is Country Music*. It was a moment that encapsulated Paisley's bold concept for the album and his real appreciation for the genre's history and art.

When Owen handed the Music Man to Paisley for inspection that day, it was a little like the young gun trying the legend's six-shooter on for size —

Collabos

Guest features on Brad Paisley's *This Is Country Music* include Alabama, Don Henley, Carrie Underwood, Blake Shelton, Sheryl Crow and Marty Stuart, among others.

for a few minutes at least. And Paisley really appreciated the moment.

"It was really interesting to see the smile on Brad's face," Owen said. "He was like, 'That's the guitar.'"

That guitar is a piece of country music history, something Paisley seeks to put his own stamp on with his follow-up to *American Saturday Night*. He came up with the idea for the *Country Music* concept at the start of the album while he loaded up the title song with verse after verse — from cancer to Talladega — until it became overlong and unwieldy. Yet he felt like he could keep going forever.

"I just realized there's nothing off-limits as far as topics go in country music," Paisley said. "Nothing's too small in your life to write about. From a toothbrush to spiritual questions to difficulty, drinking, cheating — those are bigger things — sunbathing, you know what I mean? Nothing's off-limits. We say that very clearly in our music."

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"There was one line (in *Country Music*) that set the litmus test: 'This is real, this is your life in the song.' Every one of these is somebody's life."

BRAD PAISLEY DESCRIBING HIS NEW ALBUM



► Brad Paisley poses at his home in Franklin, Tenn.

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▶ Amy Winehouse

Rehab 'last chance' for Winehouse

► Friends, family concerned about severity of Winehouse's situation

Amy Winehouse's latest trip to rehab hasn't been fun, according to the Sun, as doctors at London's the Priory treatment facility have reportedly warned the troubled singer to quit drinking all together.

"It's the last chance saloon for Amy," a source says. "Doctors have come down hard on her because of the severity of her situation. It's a harsh reality but she had to hear it."

At least Winehouse has the support of her father, Mitch Winehouse, and boyfriend, Reg Traviss, according to the source.

"They are worried about her. Mitch has been down this road before during

Amy's drug addiction. But she is there of her own accord this time and wants to sort herself out."



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▶ Arnold Schwarzenegger and Maria Shriver

Divorce negotiations are reportedly "moving forward" between Arnold Schwarzenegger and Maria Shriver, as Schwarzenegger has hired his own heavyweight divorce attorney, Bob Kaufman, according to TMZ.

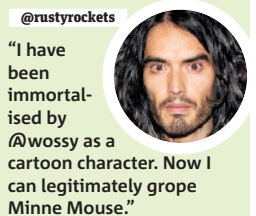
The pair have a prenuptial agreement from when they first married, but given the age of the agree-

ment and Schwarzenegger's indiscretions that have recently come to light, Shriver may still walk away with half of their estimated \$400 million, legal experts speculate. ● METRO

Lively denies nude photos

Blake Lively is busy trying to quash her first nude photo scandal, as her rep insists pictures that recently leaked online are

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not of the Gossip Girl star. "The photos of Blake Lively, which have just surfaced on various websites including Perez Hilton and Zap2it.com, are 100 per cent fake," her rep says in a statement.

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Check out these practical pieces from Panache that are bound to make waves on the beach



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GO AHEAD, MAKE A SPLASH

► Sure those pear-versus apple and curvy-versus-curveless shape charts are important ► But what if you actually have to move in your suit?

The runway swimsuits and magazine-shoot bikinis, with their thin straps, triangle bottoms, decorative hardware and high ratio of white fabrics, make for great photos — especially on the glamazon models.

But some other women, perhaps those who trudge across the sand carrying a beach chair or who use swimming as a form of fitness, like two-piece suits, too.

Designer Nanette Lepore, a bikini wearer and lap swimmer, says she personally tests all the swimsuit styles in her collection. "I'm aiming for across-the-board fit. That means higher bottoms and built-up tops. My friends ask, 'How did most bottoms get so skimpy, anyway?'"

But just because you don't want a string bikini doesn't limit you to dowdy, Lepore says. "I think cute, retro styling keeps them sexy."

No one is accusing a Katy Perry-type or even a Dita Von Teese lookalike, with pinup looks that evoke old Hollywood swimsuit glamour in a flirty, high-waist skirt bottom, of being frumpy or boring, says Amy

"To me swimwear 101 is about the four Cs: compression, coverups, construction and quality. Ok that's a Q, but it makes a C sound."

AMY TARA KOCH, STYLE EXPERT



► Sure this looks great on the runway, but will it truly cover up all your bits when you bust a move on the beach?

Tara Koch, a Chicago-based style expert.

It's a win-win, she says, because it's a feminine look with little chance of a wardrobe malfunction.

"You need to think about how it looks and performance. ... There definitely is a middle of the road," Koch says.

Modern swimsuit manu-

facturers have innovative fabrics at their disposal that offer softness, control and colour that lasts even after many cycles in the sun, sand and pool, according to Koch. She also notes that many of the lingerie brands that specialize in shapewear, such as Spanx, now make swimsuits.

Koch, Lepore and Kay-

Bathing best

Swimwear tips from Kaylin Richardson, director of sales at Panache Swimwear

- When you're trying a swimsuit on in the dressing room, be sure to move around.
- An underwire top is going to give the support of a bra, where a triangle top won't. Thick tank straps are another possibility.
- For the truly active woman — think beach volleyball player or a boater — the tankini should be seriously considered

Lin Richardson, director of sales at Panache Swimwear, all emphasize fit over any other factor in choosing a swimsuit, especially a two-piece. It's important in a one-piece, too, but there's usually more leeway, they say.

(They all also say white is a risky colour choice for anyone who gets wet — no matter the fabric or lining.)

How many women do you know who are different sizes on the bottom and top? asks Richardson. Probably most of them.

Panache makes its bathing suits based on bra sizes. "The idea is a properly fitted top — more of a custom fit," Richardson explains. "If you're chasing after kids, you don't have to feel self-conscious about a possible spill."

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Scentsation



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► Kate Middleton's wedding hairstylist on that famous demi chignon, building block tiaras, and lily of the valley



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Getting your hair to look its best on your wedding day is a small but crucial part of the overall look. You want a style that will look effortless and chic, and yet be sturdy enough to withstand, say, an unexpected gust of wind or your first

dance without diverting the attention away from your dress. Yes, it's possible. Kate Middleton's hair guru, Richard Ward, explains.

Try a demi chignon

"The up/down demi chignon really is the best of both worlds," Ward says. "Wear it all the way down and your hair will be all

over your face. But wear it all the way up and you look too strict. (The demi chignon) is a timeless look that you can pull off at both the ceremony and the party."

Keep the curls lovely and loose

"No matter how well curls have been done they will eventually drop. For long lasting, lovely loose curls use big rollers set into wet hair. This will last as your hair dries into the shape," he explains. "The worst

thing to do is use tight and heavy tongs or heating rollers as neither will last."

Choose your hair ornamentation wisely

"Tiaras are really popular at the moment," he says, stating the obvious. "I'd recommend keeping your hair away from your face if you're going to try to pull that look off. Kate's looked amazing but the problem is when people wear a tiara that's more like a crown, it all ends up looking like a

building block," he says. Flowers are a safer bet. "They're the ultimate hair accessory. Make a halo using lily of the valley buds. If you want to jazz this up at night just swap the flowers for some diamante studs, as seen on Pippa (Middleton)."

Start a mood board and practice, practice, practice

"Create a board with clippings that reflect the style you want to go for and show it to your hairdresser. All brides should practice

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their hairstyle until they are 100 per cent happy. You don't want any surprises on the day," Ward says.

Pick a good hair spray and let your mother have her say

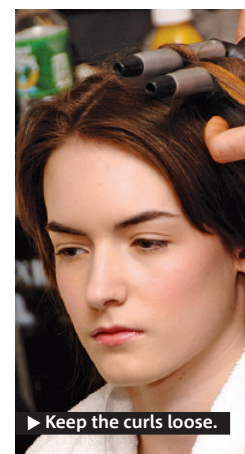
"Keep your mother in the loop throughout as her feedback is priceless. On the day, allow for at least 90 minutes to get your hair done," he says. "An easy trap to fall into is to add on loads of hairspray to make sure that your hair stays in place but what you should be doing is lightly applying a fine spray. Assign a friend to help you freshen your hair on the night, whether its re-toning, blow drying or straightening."

Consider your age

"If you're over 35, pulling your hair completely away from the face can be very ageing. Also, too much volume on the side will stiffen your face. Copy Kate and allow your hair to gently sweep across your forehead. A great soft look that is also perfect for shorter hair is to have your hair down and slightly twisted and then tightened at sides."

Don't go overboard

"You'll want to feel special — it's your day, we get it — but your husband-to-be should recognize you as you walk down the aisle. A wedding is a respectful affair, avoid going overboard on anything."



► Keep the curls loose.

Beauty picks



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Here's a list of affordable classic decor choices that will never go out of style.

Floors

Look for silk-like rugs made of viscose at places like Walmart and Home Depot. Choose tone-on-tone, simply designed rugs as they tend to have a more classic look and will last longer.

Tiles are great for updating a kitchen, bath or foyer area. Choose classic slate or marble-look porcelain tiles; it's hard to tell the porcelain versions over the real thing and they are much less expensive than the real thing.

Want the look of old-world floors? Consider laminate floors that are reminiscent of herringbone oak floors in Paris.

Laminate is also durable, easy to install and is considered a "floating" floor that makes it an excellent candidate for floors in condos.

Drapes

Faux silk drapery panels are aplenty at the big-box retailer stores. If choosing pre-made drapery panels then splurge and buy the next size up as the more the fabric hangs the more luxurious the windows will look. Got drapes already?

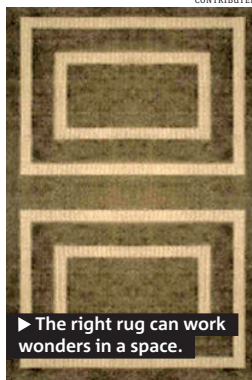
Beef them up to look more lush by adding an inexpensive material (like polar fleece) sewn as an additional lining; your drapery panels will instantly look fuller.

Upholstered furniture

Plain neutral coloured fabrics like cotton twill, chenille or synthetic linen do not have to cost a lot, yet when teamed up with a simple colour like cream, taupe or grey they can look classic for a long time. Add dashes of a trendier colour with pillows, glass vases and candles.

Wood furniture

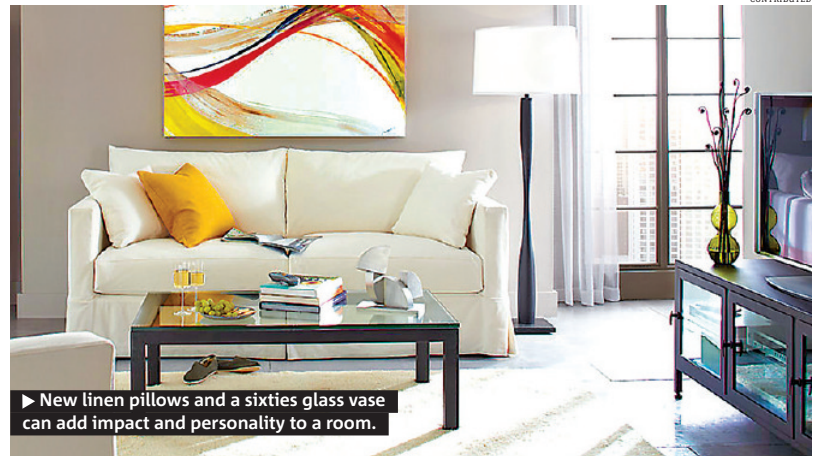
When investing in wood-



► The right rug can work wonders in a space.

en furniture pieces for your space consider choosing a medium-dark walnut or mahogany stain finish. These are the two classics that will never be out of style.

Got an old dresser from grandma's attic? Have it refinished with a dark mahogany stain, add bright chrome pulls and top it with a piece of honed



► New linen pillows and a sixties glass vase can add impact and personality to a room.

marble. Be weary of trendy wood tones such as espresso or driftwood colours; they will date themselves with a few years and are often not of good enough quality to update with a future stain finish.



► Consider choosing a classic medium-dark walnut or mahogany stain finish for wooden furniture.

Accessories

I believe that every accessory you bring into your space should have a story (or at least look that way). Choosing unique looking items will add character and personality to a space.

Places like Homesense are great for interesting world-designed items like decorative wooden and shell-covered boxes, glass art objects and large coffee table books.

Yard sales and flea markets are another great place to look for inexpensive treasures. In order not to make your place look like a flea market itself, choose accessories in colour ways to keep a common denominator in the space. For instance a turquoise 1940s lamp or sixties glass vase can add impact to a room.

Designer classics

These are items that designers and style-makers scoop up at the flea markets and decor stores.

- **Skin rugs:** For less than a few hundred dollars you can have a cow skin rug which has been a designer classic for years.
- **Needlepoint pillows:** These look amazing on a sofa or at the top of bed.
- **Rose bowl vases:** These are great in many sizes, and can hold flowers, fruit or candles.
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Style your home for less

► Getting that 'wow' factor isn't as hard — or as costly — as you think ► Here are a few simple tricks and ideas

DIY IDEAS

Introducing style into your home comes from more than large furniture pieces and paint colours. It requires attention to detail and thoughtful design.

With a simple budget and these basic ideas, you can create a home that is updated, fresh, and stylish.

The fabric of your life

Fabric is the easiest and fastest way to create "wow" factor in a room and to showcase your personal taste.

It's important to coordinate fabrics, using both patterns and neutrals, big

and small prints, and don't forget to consider texture!

Updating large pieces like curtains, bedding, or upholstery is a great way to transform your home, but not if you're on a strict budget.

Try incorporating eye-popping fabric through accent pillows or even a simple throw in a living room or bedroom, both of which you can make yourself.

Hardware is easy

Adding gorgeous knobs to an old dresser or cabinet can immediately take it to a higher standard — and all it takes is a screwdriver!

Think of elements in your home that you touch

and feel every day, such as door handles that can be easily updated.

Make your desk more eye-catching by swapping out the handles for some that reflect the design of the room.

Consider visiting your local flea market for some vintage and bargain buys that will add charm and personality to your home.

Rugs, rugs, rugs

A rug can revitalize and beautify your space in one simple step. They can change with the seasons or rotate for an easy way to update your home.

Choosing two or three smaller rugs is cheaper than an area rug, and will better complement your rooms.



► The fine art of flipping: Peter Fallico hosts Home To Flip, a show that helps families renovate and redesign their homes on a strict budget in order to resell for a larger profit.

Think outside the rectangular box when making your choice — an oval, circular or even octagonal

shape can add flair!

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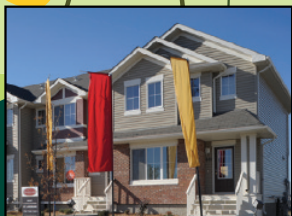
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If cramming in new spring clothing already proved too much for your disorganized closet, it's time to expand. Nothing tidies a room and makes getting dressed less traumatic than a well-organized closet.

Ready to redo yours? First, think hard about the design, says Melanie Jackson Bergin, California Closets' lead designer.

"A closet is such a personal thing, everyone has different needs and expectations," she says. "Do you want your thousands of shoes displayed, or do you want to maximize space? If you're limited with



► A nicely organized closet can make deciding what to wear much easier.

how much room you have, then you have to compromise and design for maximum storage."

Jackson's tips to create a great closet:

- Keep obstructions minimal. For example, if you need a light switch or outlet in the closet, put it on a sidewall that you won't be putting shelves on.
- Pay attention to the height of your storage system. Keep things reachable, but also up high enough so that your

clothes won't drag.

- Don't clutter your new closet: Sort, save or purge. **Thinking about building your own?**

"Be honest: What is your skill level?" Jackson says. "If you think you can handle it, go for it. The biggest do-it-yourself nightmare we see is when the person didn't find all the studs," she says, referring to the wall's wood posts. "A year goes by and the closet starts to fall apart."

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These garden ears have it

► You don't need a farm to grow good sweet corn ► Here are some tips for your own backyard harvest

Rumour has it the place to grow sweet corn is in a farm field. Backyard gardens, the reasoning goes,

generally are not large enough to make the harvest worth it, and pollination problems are likely

with small plantings.

Well, it ain't necessarily so. By choosing varieties with care, providing good

growing conditions and using a few special tricks, you can harvest one ear of the best-tasting corn imaginable.

ble for each square foot planted.

Variety selection is important for scrumptious sweet corn. If space is at a premium, grow varieties — Golden Midget, Earlivee and Quickie, for example — that ripen quickly and have shorter stalks.

But also choose varieties for flavour. Yellow corns generally have "cornier" flavour, white corns a purer sweetness. Varieties such as Honey and Cream and Bodacious pack both yellow and white kernels into each of their ears. A favourite? Golden Bantam.

Space considerations

No need for garden space to be devoted only to corn. Before the corn goes in, while temperatures are still cool, you could plant radishes, leaf lettuce, spinach, arugula and other quick maturing vegetables that enjoy cool weather.

At the other end of the season, after corn harvest, you could plant bush beans, late cabbage or broccoli.

Getting corn in and out of the ground frees space for other vegetables. Corn varieties that mature quickly are one way to do this, but avoid growing only early maturing varieties because their flavour generally is not as good as that of longer ripening varieties.

Easy growing

Corn is a hungry plant that needs rich, moist soil and at least six hours per day of sunlight.



► Golden Bantam Sweet Corn

Close planting without attention to soil and water results in nubbins rather than plump, well-filled ears.

So add plenty of compost to the soil along with a high nitrogen fertilizer, such as 0.9 kilograms of soybean meal per 9.3 square metres.

For close planting, grow corn in double rows of "hills," a hill being a cluster of three or four plants. Hills ensure good pollination. Space each row of that double row 60 centimetres apart, with 60 centimetres between hills.

You won't be able to walk between the double row, but you can harvest from each side.

Take a bite

Two to three months after planting comes your reward. Timely harvest is all-important. Start your countdown when silks first show at the tips of the ears; expect to eat those ears about three weeks later.

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Start to finish:
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Servings:
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► These elegant spicy marinated mussels take a few simple steps to make.

Increasingly, Canadians are examining what they eat, where it comes from and how the environment is affected by the foods they choose.

When it comes to seafood, farmed blue mussels are one of the greenest choices.

Monterey Bay Aquarium's seafood watch program lists farmed mussels as a "super green" seafood product.

Seafood Watch bases its selections on a variety of factors, including the fishery, habitat, species, management and other factors that affect each species, as well as their Omega 3 content.

"Nearly 75 percent of the world's fisheries are fished to capacity, or overfished, but our seafood choices have the power to improve that situation," says Linda Duncan, executive director of the Mussel Industry Council of North America.

"Each year we see more interest in sustainable blue mussels, grown naturally in their own environment," explains Duncan.

"They're harvested by hand in Atlantic Canada and shipped to your (city)."

Mussels grow in abundance. Each female releases as many as 20 million eggs, which float in the ocean waves, get fertilized and then latch onto mussel farmers' collector ropes, where they continue to grow to maturity as they would naturally.

Spicy Marinated Mussels

Preparation:

1 Stir fresh blue mussels in colander while rinsing in tap water. Set aside for a few minutes. Tap any that are open and discard those that don't close in response to the tap.

2 Place all ingredients (not the marinade ingredients) in sauce pan with a lid and steam for 5 to 7 minutes until fresh blue mussels are steamed open.

3 Remove mussels, discarding any that do

not open.

4 When cool, shuck mussels and place meats in a large serving dish. Combine marinade ingredients in air-tight container and shake to blend. Pour over fresh blue mussels. Refrigerate until ready to use.

NEWS CANADA

Ingredients:

- 6 lb fresh cultured blue mussels
- 1 bay leaf
- 1 cup white wine
- 1 small onion, chopped
- 2 clove garlic, chopped
- 1 small hot pepper, seeded and chopped
- 1/4 cup shallots, chopped
- 1 each red and green pepper, chopped
- 2 tbsp parsley, minced

Marinade

- 1/2 cup white wine vinegar
- 2 tbsp dijon mustard
- 2 clove garlic, chopped
- 1/4 tsp salt
- 1/2 cup olive oil
- 1 dash black pepper

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SHAQUILLE O'NEAL, IN A VIDEO RELEASED YESTERDAY, A 15-TIME ALL-STAR, FOUR-TIME CHAMPION AND THE 2000 NBA MOST VALUABLE PLAYER, THE 39-YEAR-OLD O'NEAL ANNOUNCED HIS RETIREMENT ON TWITTER.

Every second counts

► With the clock running down on a scoreless Game 1, Torres seals the victory by beating Thomas

Raffi Torres scored with 18.5 seconds left in the third period to give the Vancouver Canucks a 1-0 victory over the Boston Bruins last night in Game 1 of the Stanley Cup final.

Torres took a pass from Jannik Hansen and beat Bruins goaltender Tim Thomas on the stick side. His third goal of the playoffs brought a tremendous roar from the 18,860 in attendance at Rogers Arena.

Canuck goaltender Roberto Luongo made 36 saves and opened a series with a shutout for the third time these playoffs.

"I thought we were going to play all night the way it was going," Luongo said. "It was an exciting way to start the series. It was such a close game. It could've gone either way, a flip of the coin."

Thomas had looked like a spinning top in the third period.

In the first minute, Alex Burrows deflected a puck that Thomas stopped. Thomas stoned Hansen on a breakaway, then calmly put his glove on the puck as it lay in front of the net. Later, he got his body in front of a Maxim Lapierre deflection.

"You've got two of the best goaltenders in the league," Canucks head coach Alain Vigneault said. "Obviously scoring is going to be a challenge for both

1	0
	
CANUCKS	BRUINS

teams."

Thomas also got lucky when an Alex Edler wrist shot from the slot got behind him but hit the crossbar.

"He played unbelievable. You can't say much more about Tim," Bruins defenceman Johnny Boychuk said. "We need him to play like that."

Thomas ended the night with 33 saves.

Luongo's best save came in the first period when he stopped Boston forward Milan Lucic on a rebound.

Anticipation for the game had reached a boiling point in Vancouver by the time the puck finally dropped. The same excitement rippled through the city that was felt prior to the gold-medal hockey game at the 2010 Winter Olympics.

Game 2 of the best-of-seven series will be played Saturday at Rogers Arena.

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► Raffi Torres, centre, celebrates with his Canucks teammates after his goal last night.

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► The rebuilding Raptors have decided to start anew at the head coach position by moving Jay Triano into the team's front office.

Raps shuffle Triano out of coach's role

► First ever Canadian NBA coach will now serve as assistant to Colangelo

The Toronto Raptors are making a head coaching change after finishing with the third-worst record in the NBA this past season.

The team will not pick up the option on Jay Triano's contract for next season. Instead, he will be retained as a special assistant to president and general manager Bryan Colangelo.

The search for a new head coach will commence immediately.

"I have great respect for Jay Triano both as a person and as a basketball mind," Colangelo said in a release yesterday. "Jay deserves tremendous credit for developing our young players this past season and our most recent win-loss record does not appropriately reflect his many positive contributions to this organization."

Triano served as an assistant to three coaches before being named interim head coach in December 2008 following the dismissal of Sam Mitchell. The interim tag was later removed and Triano signed a three-year deal in May 2009.

He guided the Raptors to a 22-60 mark this past season and finished with an 87-142 record as head coach.

"This was a difficult decision to make," Colangelo said. "But after almost three full seasons of observation and evaluation I be-

Talent void

Jay Triano became the victim of the Raptors' talent deficiency after Chris Bosh left last summer to join the Miami Heat.

- Andrea Bargnani has yet to step into the void left by Bosh on the young squad.
- Triano spent six years as head coach of Canada's national team, leading Canada to a seventh-place finish at the 2000 Olympics.

lieve that bringing in a new voice as head coach will accelerate the progress we are looking to make in the coming years."

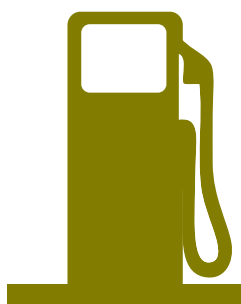
Triano, a native of Niagara Falls, Ont., joined Lenny Wilkens' Raptors coaching staff for the 2002-03 season.

"I am grateful to the organization for the opportunity to be a head coach in the NBA," Triano said. "I am proud of the work that I and the coaching staff have done with our young players and feel confident we have laid the foundation for a team that will continue to improve."

"I look forward in assisting Bryan to deliver a championship team to Toronto."

The announcement came two weeks after Colangelo agreed to a multi-year contract extension.

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FRONT OFFICE

NHL to take 'fresh look' at discipline

A new man will be handing out the discipline in the NHL.

Colin Campbell is stepping down as the league's head disciplinarian and is being replaced by former player Brendan Shanahan.

NHL commissioner Gary Bettman made the announcement yesterday, saying the move was part of a reorganization of the league's head office.

"Both Colin and I believe it's time to take a fresh look at the standards that we use," Bettman said prior to Game 1 of the Stanley Cup final.

"If we are going to move to harsher disci-

pline, that change needs to send a clear message and we think it would probably be best to do on a clean slate."

There had been some criticism that there were inconsistencies in the suspensions Campbell had handed out this season, especially in the area of head shots.

Bettman praised Campbell's efforts and said it was not a demotion.

"It would be unfair, inappropriate and simply wrong to suggest this reorganization in any way is a diminution of Colin or his role," said Bettman.

Campbell will continue in his job of director of hockey operations.

"I approached Gary back in March about supplemental discipline, and it was time to have a fresh look and fresh eyes at the process of discipline," said

Campbell, who had held the job since 1998.

Shanahan, who won three Stanley Cups with the Detroit Red Wings, said his taking over the job won't necessarily result in longer suspensions.

"I can't promise you how I will view each individual situation," Shanahan said. "I do love the physical aspect of hockey and it is a very difficult and fine balance to keep that in the game to allow players to play on their toes, but at the same time know what they can and cannot do."

"I will promise you when I do make those decisions, I will try and make my thought process, and everything that went into that thought process, very clear and very visible to the entire hockey world."

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Mavs laugh off Dirk's finger injury

Brian Cardinal took one look at Dirk Nowitzki's injured finger, turned to the Dallas Mavericks' trainer and recommended his treatment plan.

"Cut it at the knuckle," the Mavericks backup joked, making a scissors motion with his right hand. "Like Ronnie Lott."

Nowitzki's injury was more source of fun than concern yesterday, starting from the moment he woke up. He expected the torn tendon at the tip of his left middle finger to be sore and throbbing and it wasn't.

Nowitzki figures it will be mostly a nuisance for the next month or two. He and his shooting coach worked to see how he can compensate, starting with Game 2 of the NBA final against the Miami Heat tonight.

Nowitzki was hurt trying to strip the ball from Chris Bosh in the fourth quarter of Tuesday's 92-84 Game 1 loss. The injury generally takes six to eight weeks to heal. Because the problem is on Nowitzki's non-shooting hand, most of what he does offensively will not be affected.

"I think once the game starts, the adrenalin starts flowing, I don't think it will really slow me down much," Nowitzki said. "I'm not really worried about it."

Maybe he should be. Because Miami knows where he's hurting, and everyone knows how much Nowitzki means to Dallas, it only makes sense that guys are going to swipe at his hands more than ever.

"Somebody's going to swat down on it, whether they want to or not," Bosh said. "It's painful. As ballplayers, we all go through it."

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► Dirk Nowitzki

NHL

PLAYOFFS

All times Eastern
STANLEY CUP FINAL
(Best-of-7 series)

VANCOUVER (W1) VS. BOSTON (E3)
(Vancouver leads series 1-0)

Last night's result
Vancouver 1 Boston 0

Saturday's game
Boston at Vancouver, 8 p.m.

Monday, June 6
Vancouver at Boston, 8 p.m.

Wednesday, June 8
Vancouver at Boston, 8 p.m.

Friday, June 10
x-Boston at Vancouver, 8 p.m.

Monday, June 13
x-Vancouver at Boston, 8 p.m.

Wednesday, June 15
x-Boston at Vancouver, 8 p.m.

x — if necessary.

CANUCKS 1, BRUINS 0

First Period

No Scoring.

Penalties — D. Sedin Vcr (double high-sticking) 4:03, Kelly Bos (high-sticking) 8:47, Burrows Vcr (holding) 10:18, Marchand Bos (holding stick) 13:25, Bergeron Bos (roughing), Burrows Vcr (double roughing) 20:00.

Second Period

No Scoring.

Penalties — Blexsa Vcr (high-sticking) 0:28, Krejci Bos(cross-checking) 4:00, Seidenberg Bos (kneeing) 9:28, Peverley Bos (hooking) 9:54, Burrows Vcr (tripping) 10:02, Bergeron Bos (tripping) 17:50.

Third Period

1. Vancouver, Torres 3 (Hansen, Kesler) 19:41

Penalties — None.

Shots

Boston	17	9	10	36
Vancouver	12	8	14	34

Goal — Boston: Thomas (L,12-7); Vancouver: Luongo (W,13-6). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — Boston: 0-6; Vancouver: 0-6.

Referees — Stephen Walkom, Dan O'Rourke.

Linesmen — Pierre Racicot, Steve Miller.

Attendance — 18,860 at Vancouver.

SCORING LEADERS

	G	A	PT
H.Sedin, Vcr	2	19	21
St. Louis, TB	10	10	20
Kesler, Vcr	7	12	19
Krejci, Bos	6	13	19
Lecavalier, TB	10	7	17
Purcell, TB	8	9	17
J.Thornton, SJ	3	14	17
D.Sedin, Vcr	8	8	16
Boyle, SJ	4	12	16
Clowe, SJ	6	9	15
P.Bergeron, Bos	4	11	15
Datsyuk, Det	4	11	15
Burrows, Vcr	7	7	14
Couture, SJ	7	7	14
Downie, TB	2	12	14
Marleau, SJ	7	6	13
Ward, Nash	7	6	13
Stamkos, TB	6	7	13
Marchand, Bos	6	6	12
Gagne, TB	5	7	12
Giroux, Pha	1	11	12
Bergenheim, TB	9	2	11
Ryder, Bos	5	6	11
Kelly, Bos	4	7	11
Moore, TB	3	8	11
Ennhoff, Vcr	2	9	11

HOCKEY

AHL PLAYOFFS

All times Eastern

CALDER CUP FINAL

(Best-of-7 series)

HOUSTON VS. BINGHAMTON
(Houston leads series 2-1)

Last night's result

Houston 2 Binghamton 1

Tomorrow's game
Houston at Binghamton, 7:05 p.m.

Saturday, June 4

Houston at Binghamton, 7:05 p.m.

Tuesday, June 7
x-Binghamton at Houston, 8:05 p.m.

Thursday, June 9
x-Binghamton at Houston, 8:05 p.m.

x — if necessary.

NBA

FINALS

All times Eastern

(Best-of-7 series)

MIAMI VS. DALLAS
(Miami leads series 1-0)

Tuesday's result

Miami 92 Dallas 84

Tonight's game

Dallas at Miami, 9 p.m.

Sunday's game

Miami at Dallas, 8 p.m.

Tuesday, June 7

Miami at Dallas, 9 p.m.

Thursday, June 9

x-Miami at Dallas, 9 p.m.

Sunday, June 12

x-Dallas at Miami, 8 p.m.

Tuesday, June 14

x-Dallas at Miami, 9 p.m.

x - played only if necessary.

LATE TUESDAY

HEAT 92, MAVS 84

DALLAS (84)

Marion 6-12 4-5 16, Nowitzki 7-18 12-12 27, Chandler 3-4 3-5 9, Kidd 3-8 0-0 9, Stevenson 2-3 0-0 6, Terry 3-10 3-4 12, Stojakovic 0-3 0-0 0, Barea 1-8 0-0 2, Haywood 0-1 3-6 3. Totals 25-67 25-32 84.

MIAMI (92)

James 9-16 2-2 24, Bosh 5-18 9-12 19, Anthony 0-1 0-0 0, Bibby 0-4 0-0 0, Wade 9-19 2-5 22, Chalmers 3-8 3-4 12, Haslem 3-8 1-7 7, Howard 0-1 2-2 2, Miller 2-5 0-0 6. Totals 31-80 19-26 92.

Dallas 17 27 17 23 84
Miami 16 27 22 27 92
3-Point Goals—Dallas 9-22 (Kidd 3-7, Terry 3-7, Stevenson 2-3, Nowitzki 1-2, Stojakovic 0-3), Miami 11-24 (James 4-5, Chalmers 3-7, Miller 2-4, Wade 2-4, Bibby 0-4). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Dallas 46 (Marion 10), Miami 59 (Wade 10). Assists—Dallas 18 (Kidd 6), Miami 20 (Wade 6). Total Fouls—Dallas 22, Miami 21. A—20,003 (19,600) at Miami.

SCORING AVERAGE

	G	FG	FT	PTS	AVG
Durant, OKC	17	155	140	487	28.6
Nowitzki, DAL	16	147	142	453	28.3
Rose, CHI	16	149	111	434	27.1
Howard, ORL	6	51	60	162	27.0
Anthony, NYK	4	33	29	104	26.0
James, MIA	16	140	109	414	25.9
Westbrook, OKC	17	135	121	405	23.8

ACTIVITY

BASEBALL

MLB

AMERICAN LEAGUE

BALTIMORE ORIOLES — Activated LHP Brian Matusz from the 15-day DL. Designated UT Jake Fox for assignment.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

ST. LOUIS CARDINALS — Placed RHP Kyle McClellan on the 15-day DL. Recalled RHP Lance Lynn from Memphis (PCL).

Midwest League

QUAD CITIES RIVER BANDITS — Promoted

LHP Kevin Siegrist to Palm Beach (FSL).

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION

EL PASO DIABLOS — Released RHP Cardoza Tucker, RHP Amad Stephens and RHP Jorge Crespo. Signed RHP Raymond Cruz.

GRAND PRAIRIE AIRHOGS — Released RHP Marcus Salmon and INF Chad Bisnette.

SHREVEPORT-BOSSIER CAPTAINS — Released RHP Danial McHenry. Signed RHP TJ Forrest.

WINNIPEG GOLDEYES — Signed LHP Luis Villarreal.

BASKETBALL

NBA

HOUSTON ROCKETS — Named Kevin McHale coach.

TORONTO RAPTORS — Announced the contract option on coach Jay Triano will not be exercised and he will be retained as a special assistant to the president and general manager.

FOOTBALL

NFL

SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS — Named Michael Bracken video operations manager.

CFL

WINNIPEG BLUE BOMBERS — Agreed to terms with WR Jade Etienne. Signed DB C.J. James and DB Leslie Majors.

HOCKEY

NHL

CHICAGO BLACKHAWKS — Added the title of chief executive officer to team president John McDonough. Re-signed general manager of minor league affiliations Mark Bernard, Rockford (AHL) coach Bill Peters and Rockford assistant coaches Ted Dent and Steve Poapst.

MONTREAL CANADIENS — Signed D Hal Gill to a one-year contract.

NEW YORK RANGERS — Traded F Roman Horak and two 2011 second-round draft picks to Calgary for D Tim Erixon and a 2011 fifth-round draft pick. Signed Erixon to a three-year contract.

PHOENIX COYOTES — Signed RW Jordan Schwarz and G Louis Domingue.

WASHINGTON CAPITALS — Signed C Mattias Sjogren to a two-year contract.

AHL

GRAND RAPIDS GRIFFINS — Promoted Chad Erwin to director of ticket operations. Named Jamie Law corporate sales account manager.

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	31	23	.574	—
Boston	30	26	.536	2
Tampa Bay	29	26	.527	2½
Toronto	28	28	.500	4
Baltimore	25	29	.463	6

CENTRAL DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	33	20	.623	—
Detroit	29	26	.527	5
Chicago	27	31	.466	8½
Kansas City	25	30	.455	9
Minnesota	17	37	.315	16½

WEST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Texas	30	26	.536	—
Seattle	28	27	.509	1½
Los Angeles	29	29	.500	2
Oakland	27	30	.474	3½

Yesterday's results

Texas 3 Tampa Bay 0

Chicago White Sox 7 Boston 4

N.Y. Yankees 4 Oakland 2

Baltimore 2 Seattle 1

Kansas City 2 L.A. Angels 0

Detroit 4 Minnesota 2

Cleveland 13 Toronto 9

Tuesday's results

Tampa Bay 5 Texas 4

Detroit 8 Minnesota 7

Cleveland 6 Toronto 3

Chicago White Sox 10 Boston 7

Kansas City 7 L.A. Angels 3

N.Y. Yankees 10 Oakland 3

Seattle 3 Baltimore 2

Today's games

Texas (Bush 0-1) at Cleveland (C.Carrasco 4-2), 7:05 p.m.

Minnesota (Swarzak 0-2) at Kansas City (O'Sullivan 2-4), 8:10 p.m.

Tampa Bay (Shields 5-3) at Seattle (F.Hernandez 5-4), 10:10 p.m.

INDIANS 13, BLUE JAYS 9

Cleveland	ab	r	h	bi	Toronto	ab	r	h	bi
Brantly cf	6	2	2	1	YEScor ss	3	0	0	0
ACarer ss	6	2	4	3	McCoy ss	1	2	1	0
Choo rf	6	1	1	0	CPttrsn lf	5	1	1	1
T.Buck if	5	2	3	0	Bautist rf	4	0	1	2
CSanta c	3	2	0	0	JRiver lb	5	0	0	0
GSizmr dh	5	0	2	3	Arenci c	5	1	1	0
Marson ph-dh	1	0	0	0	A.Hill 2b	2	0	0	0
LaPort lb	5	2	3	3	Enomc 3b	1	1	1	0
Hannhn 3b	4	1	1	0	ETHms dh	5	1	3	0
Everett 2b	5	1	2	1	RDavis cf	4	2	2	4
J.Nix 3b-2b	4	1	1	1					

Totals 46 13 18 11 **Totals** 39 9 11 8

Cleveland 408 **001** 000 **13**
Toronto 000 **033** 102 **9**

E—Everett (4), R.Perez (1), R.Davis (2), Y.Escobar (5), DP—Cleveland 1, Toronto 1. LOB—Cleveland 11, Toronto 7. 2B—Brantley (10), A.Cabrera (3), G.Sizemore (13), Han-nahan (8). 3B—E.Thames (1), R.Davis (4), J.Nix (1). HR—LaPorta (7), R.Davis (1).

IP H R ER BB SO

Cleveland	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Tomlin W,7-2	6	8	6	6	1	7
Durbin	1	1	1	0	0	0
Herrmann	1	1	0	0	1	1
R.Perez	0	1	2	1	1	0
Pestano	1	0	0	0	1	2
Toronto						
Drabek L,3-4	2-3	3	4	4	3	1
Camp	12-3	6	7	6	1	1
Fraser	2-3	1	1	0	0	1
Rzepczynski	2	1	0	0	1	2
Janssen	1	3	1	1	0	1
Rauch	2	2	0	0	0	1
F.Francisco	1	2	0	0	0	0
T—3:12. A—15,397 (49,260) at Toronto.						

NATIONAL LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia	34	22	.607	—
Florida	31	23	.574	2
Atlanta	31	26	.544	3½
New York	25	30	.455	8½
Washington	24	31	.436	9½

CENTRAL DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
St. Louis	33	23	.589	—
Milwaukee	30	26	.536	3
Cincinnati	29	28	.509	4½
Pittsburgh	26	28	.481	6
Chicago	23	31	.426	9
Houston	22	34	.393	11

WEST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Arizona	31	25	.554	—
San Francisco	29	25	.537	1
Los Angeles	26	30	.464	5
Colorado	25	29	.463	5
San Diego	24	32	.429	7

Yesterday's results

Washington 2 Philadelphia 1

Houston 3 Chicago Cubs 1

Cincinnati 4 Milwaukee 3

Pittsburgh 9 N.Y. Mets 3

Atlanta 4 San Diego 3

Arizona 6 Florida 5

San Francisco at St. Louis

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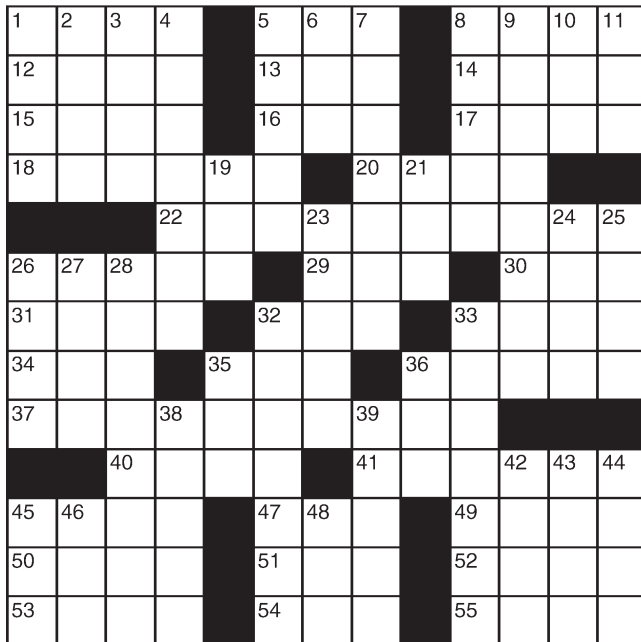
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Florida 5 Arizona 2

Crossword

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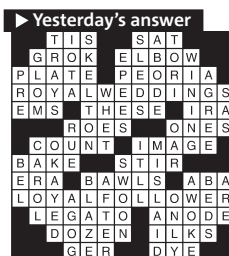
1 Winged
5 Turn blue?
8 Frog's cousin
12 Rickey flavor
13 Mardi Gras VIP
14 Shake in grass?
15 Poetic foot
16 Shriek bark
17 Detail
18 Company of actors
20 Parliamentarian
22 From stem to stern
26 Elevator passage
29 Golf position
30 Confucius' "way"
31 Swine
32 Artist Vermeer
33 "West Side Story" gang
34 Mimic
35 Play on words
36 Makes weary
37 Everywhere
40 Pealed
41 Costello's partner
45 Bloodhound's clue
47 Back talk
49 Sandwich cookie
50 Gloomy
51 Actress Mendes
52 — a soul (no-body)
53 Catch sight of
54 "Oh, yeah? — who?"
55 Shade providers
Down
1 Came to earth



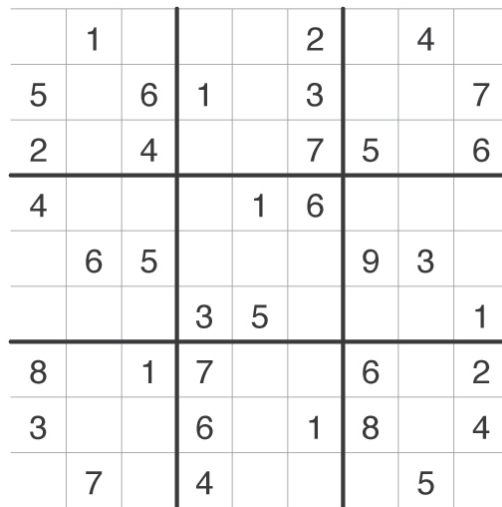
2 Taleteller
3 Bullets and such
4 Snubs
5 Laundromat machine
6 Verily
7 Tell how
8 Bronze winner's place
9 Passe
10 Hearty brew
11 Beavers' construction
19 Cauldron
21 Inseparable
23 African antelope

24 Destiny
25 Throw
26 Persian bigwig
27 Kachina worshipper
28 Demographic division
32 Impenetrable thickets
33 Samson's weapon, courtesy of an ass
35 Skillet
36 Occupation
38 Wizard Potter
39 Bolivian capital
42 Verbal

43 Contract clause
44 Santa's sackful
45 Rhyming tribute
46 Two, in Tijuana
48 "— been had!"



Sudoku



How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's answer ►

3	2	8	1	9	6	5	7	4
4	9	6	7	5	8	1	2	3
1	7	5	3	4	2	9	8	6
9	3	7	2	6	1	8	4	5
6	5	4	8	7	9	3	1	2
2	8	1	5	3	4	6	9	7
5	1	2	6	8	7	4	3	9
8	4	3	9	2	5	7	6	1
7	6	9	4	1	3	2	5	8

A look at the weather

TODAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Min 10° Max 20°	Min 12° Max 20°	Min 5° Max 17°

Michele McDougall Weather Specialist

"My favourite part is reporting the weather. It fascinates me, and as we know around here, it's always changing, keeping forecasters on their toes". WEEKDAYS 6AM



Today's horoscope

♈ Aries March 21-April 20 Not everyone can live up to your high standards, so make allowances for those who fall short today.
♉ Taurus April 21-May 21 If you let your mind wander today, you will waste time on issues that are petty and unproductive.
♊ Gemini May 22-June 21 You will soon see how much energy you've wasted on things that don't take you closer to your goals.
♋ Cancer June 22-July 22 You may be a bit subdued today, but there is no cause for alarm.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug. 23 You may have to listen to the opinions of someone you detest today.
♍ Virgo Aug. 24-Sept. 22 If you think your talents are being overlooked, it's time to speak up. You can make a big impression.
♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23 Look at the big picture and details of what happened over the past two or three days. You'll like what you see.
♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22 Do you tell others what they want to hear? Speak the truth and don't worry that your words might hurt.

For today's crossword answers and horoscopes: metronews.ca

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21 If you've fallen out with a loved one, you will get the chance make up today. Show how you'll change.
♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20 You will find it easy enough to persuade others to lighten your load today, so why do it all by yourself?
♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18 Your time is precious and you must not let other people waste it.
♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20. Don't just accept what someone says because of his or her superior status. **SALLY BROMPTON**

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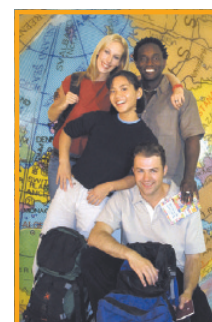
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